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STORY SO FAR...

Dr. Eggman has unleashed a Metal Virus capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. As the Metal Virus spreads, cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—have been infected.

Now, Tails finds himself in Central City, researching a cure...

...Amy organizes rescue missions from Restoration HQ...

...And Sonic races to create speed data for Tails's research...

...As it all comes down to the last minute!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Restoration ally.



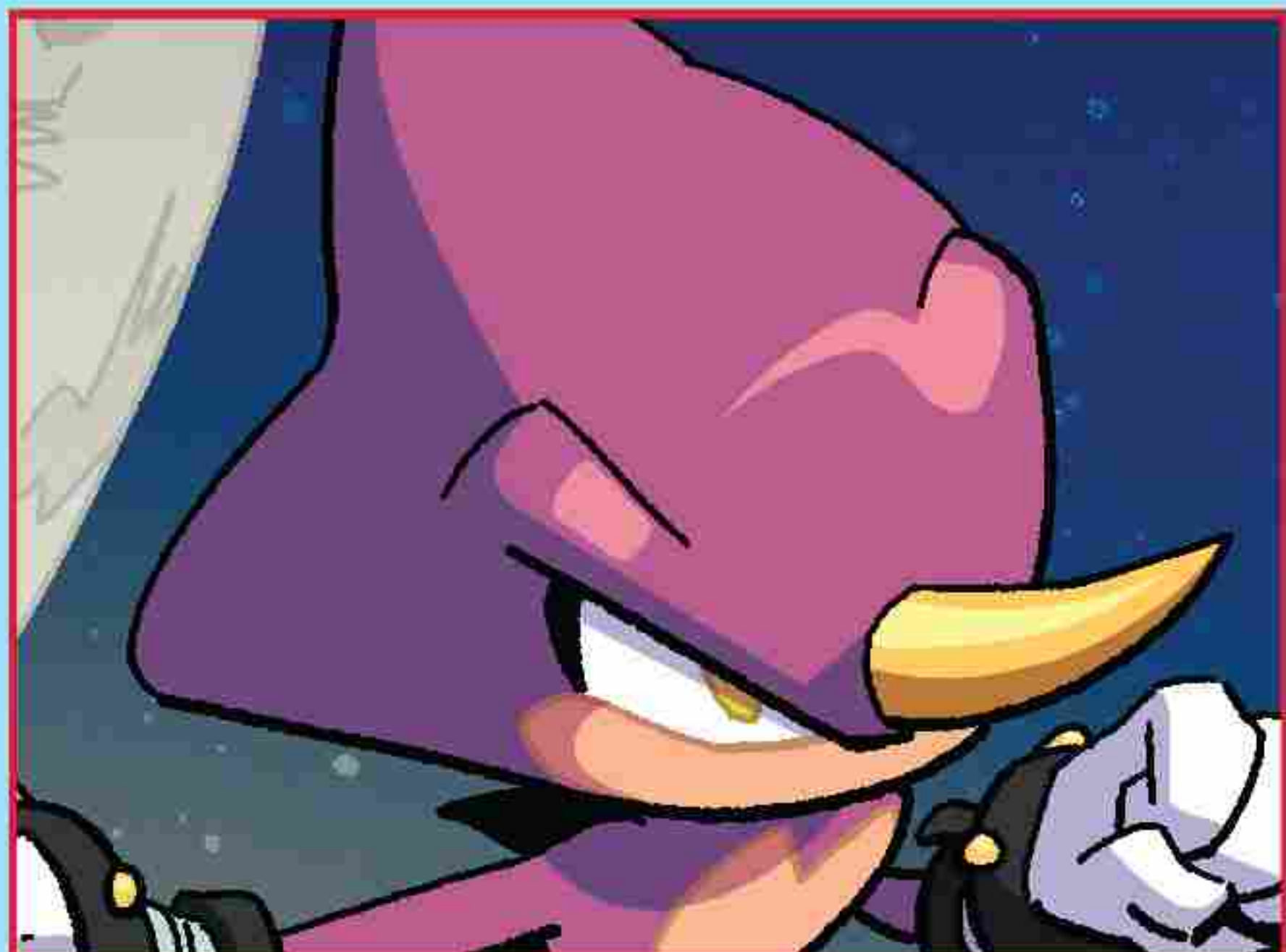
VANILLA THE RABBIT

Loving Mother.
Restoration ally.



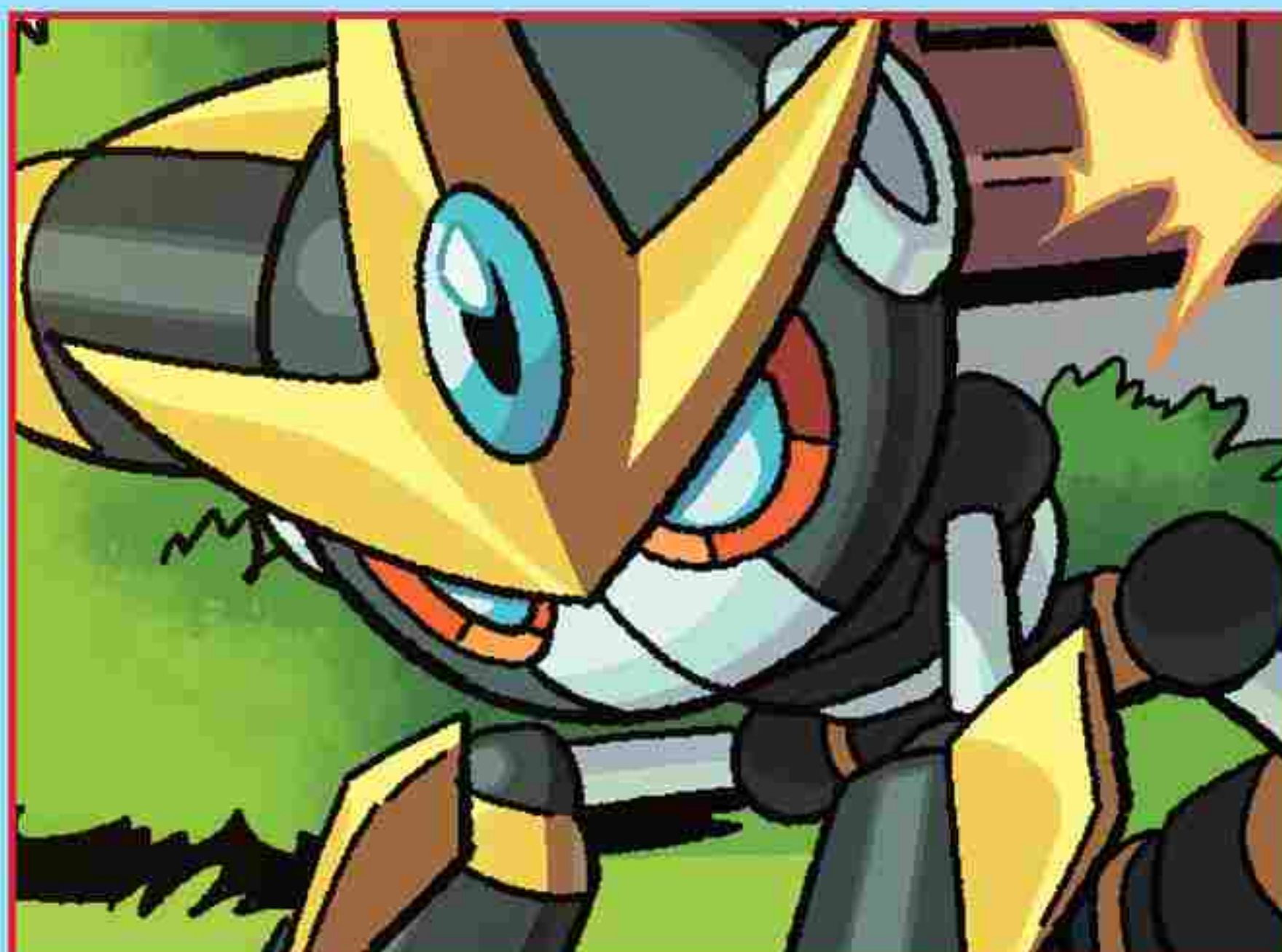
VECTOR THE CROCODILE

Rockin' Lead Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



ESPIO THE CHAMELEON

Ninja Investigator.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
Cream's Protector.

RESTORATION HQ.

HOO-BOY...
LET'S SEE
WHERE WE
ARE...

SONIC'S
RUNNING AROUND
GETTING DATA FOR
TAILS. HE SHOULD BE
NEAR BARRICADE
TOWN BY NOW, I
THINK.*

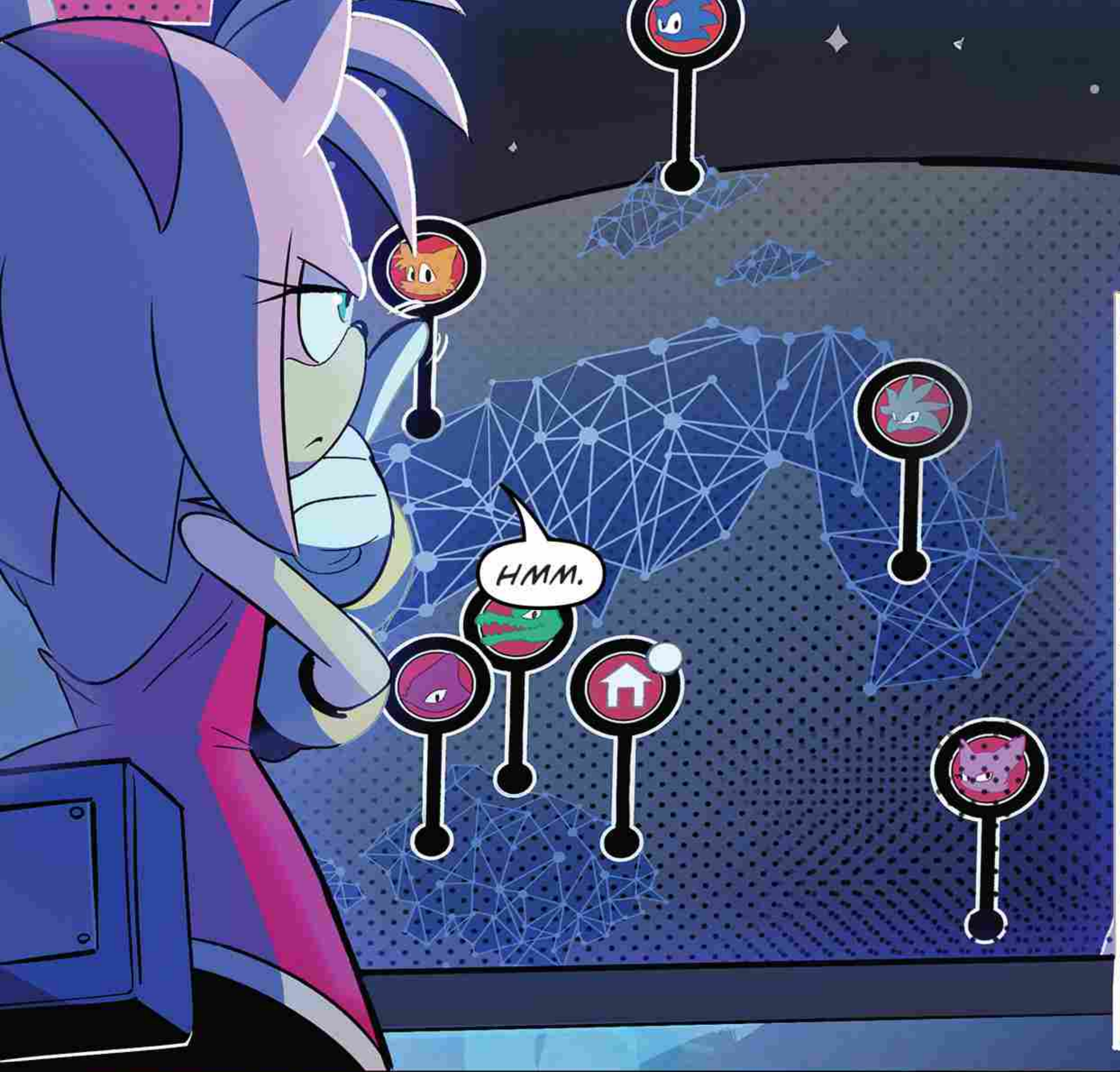
TAILS IS DOING
HIS RESEARCH
IN CENTRAL CITY
WHILE TANGLE AND
WHISPER COVER
SUPPORT AND
EVACUATION.**

SILVER IS
HANDLING THE
EVACUATION OF
ICE PARADISE
ON HIS OWN.

LOOKS LIKE
VECTOR AND
ESPIO JUST GOT
BACK WITH THE
REFUGEES FROM
PINE GROVE
VILLAGE.

≡SIGH≡
ROUGE IS
STILL MISSING
IN ACTION.

EDITOR'S NOTE:
*HAPPENING "NOW" IN STH#23
**HAPPENING "NOW" IN STH#21



AND I'M
TALKING TO
MYSELF WAY
TOO MUCH.

HMM.

BREAK
TIME, MS.
ROSE!

YES,
PLEASE.
WHAT DO I
GET? FIVE
MINUTES?
WEEKS?
YEARS?

HOW DO
YOU DO IT,
CREAM?

IT'S
MOTHER'S
RECIPE, AND SHE
LEARNED IT FROM
HER MOTHER. I'D
BE HAPPY TO
TEACH IT TO
YOU!

I MEAN
STAY THIS
UPBEAT AND...
SUNNY.

...IT ISN'T EASY.
I STILL CAN'T
SLEEP VERY
WELL.

I DREAM
OF CHEESE
AND CHOCOLA,
AND WHAT
HAPPENED...



MEANWHILE,
ON LOST HEX...

WE'VE BEEN
GRANTED A
GOLDEN
OPPORTUNITY.

EGGMAN'S
NEWEST PATSY
HAS INVITED US
INTO HIS BASE. HE
EXPECTS US TO FIX
THE CRISIS ON THE
WORLD BELOW.



WE
WILL ACCEPT
HIS HOSPITALITY
AND THEN
PUNISH HIM
FOR IT.

UNLESS,
Y'KNOW, THIS
IS ANOTHER TRAP.
I'D RATHER NOT
BE EGGMAN'S SLAVE
AGAIN, 'KAY? THANKS.



YOU
DARE?

WE UNDERESTIMATED
THE DOCTOR THE FIRST
TIME. THIS TIME WE ARE
PREPARED. WE WILL
PUNISH HIM FOR OUR
HUMILIATION.

WE WILL DESTROY
SONIC FOR DEFEATING
US. AND WE WILL GRIND
THEIR WORLD TO DUST
IN RETRIBUTION.







UNIT'S
DESIGNATION
IS NOT "MACK."
IT IS GEMERL.

I DON'T
CARE IF IT
WERE "KING OF
EVERYTHING"!
YOU AIN'T
THROWIN'
CHARMY
OUT!

YOU HAVE
BROUGHT IN A
ZOMBOT. HE IS A
PATHOGENIC
THREAT TO CREAM.
HE MUST BE
REMOVED.

HE GOT
INFECTED
BY BEIN' A
HERO!

I DIDN'T
CARRY THIS
CONTAINMENT
BUBBLE EVERY-
WHERE AND
TRACK HIM DOWN
JUST FOR YOU TO
THROW HIM OUT!

THE CHAOTIX DON'T
ABANDON THEIR OWN!
I'LL LOOK AFTER HIM! AND
I'LL HAVE AN EASIER
TIME WITHOUT YOU
BREATHING DOWN
MY NECK!

THIS UNIT
DOES NOT
BREATHE.

YOU
KNOW
WHAT I
MEAN!



GEMERL!
IT'S OKAY!

NEGATIVE.
CHARMY BEE
IS A THREAT
TO YOUR
HEALTH.



WE TALKED
ABOUT THIS,
REMEMBER?*

AFFIRMATIVE.
CHARMY BEE IS
A VICTIM. BUT...

MR. VECTOR
AND MR. ESPIO
WILL TAKE GOOD
CARE OF HIM.

THEY WON'T
LET ANYONE GET
SICK FROM HIM.

*STH #18.



I UNDERSTAND
YOUR CONCERN,
BUT VECTOR HAS
A SOLID PLAN.
WE'LL
SECURELY
STORE CHARMY
IN TAILS'S LAB
ALONGSIDE
OMEGA.

ONCE TAILS
HAS FOUND
THE CURE,
CHARMY WILL BE
IMMEDIATELY
ACCESSIBLE.

THAT
SOUNDS LIKE
A WONDERFUL
PLAN!

IT IS...
ACCEPTABLE.



DON'T BE
DISCOURAGED.
YOU'LL LEARN TO
THINK LIKE US
ONE DAY.

ILLOGICALLY
AND SELF-
DESTRUCTIVELY?

ER...
NO...



SHEESH,
NOT MUCH
ROOM TO
MOVE, HUH?
IS THIS INCH
TAKEN?

IT'S
FINE.



I'VE BEEN
HERE FOR A
WHILE. YOU?

J-JUST
GOT IN FROM
PINE GROVE
VILLAGE.

NEVER
BEEN.



I-IT WAS
N-NICE...

I'M
SURE IT
WAS.

I'M FROM GLASS HILL.
EGGMAN DIDN'T COME
ANYWHERE NEAR US. IT
WAS ALL ZOMBOTS FROM
OTHER PLACES THAT
JUST WANDERED INTO
TOWN AND...

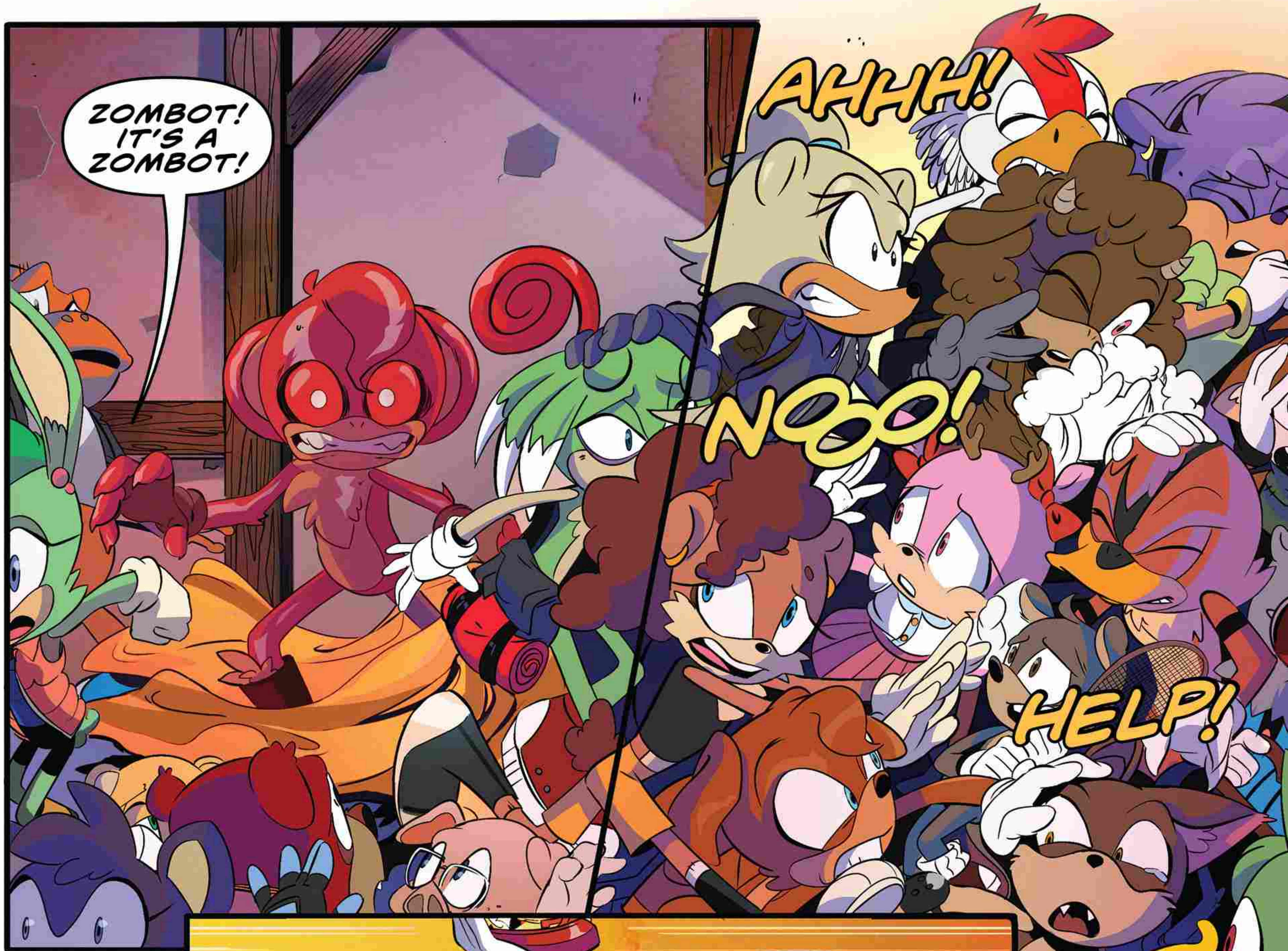


HEY!
ARE YOU
OKAY?

I-I'M
S-S-SORRY...



...I...
I JUST...
D-DIDN'T
WANT TO BE
ALONE...

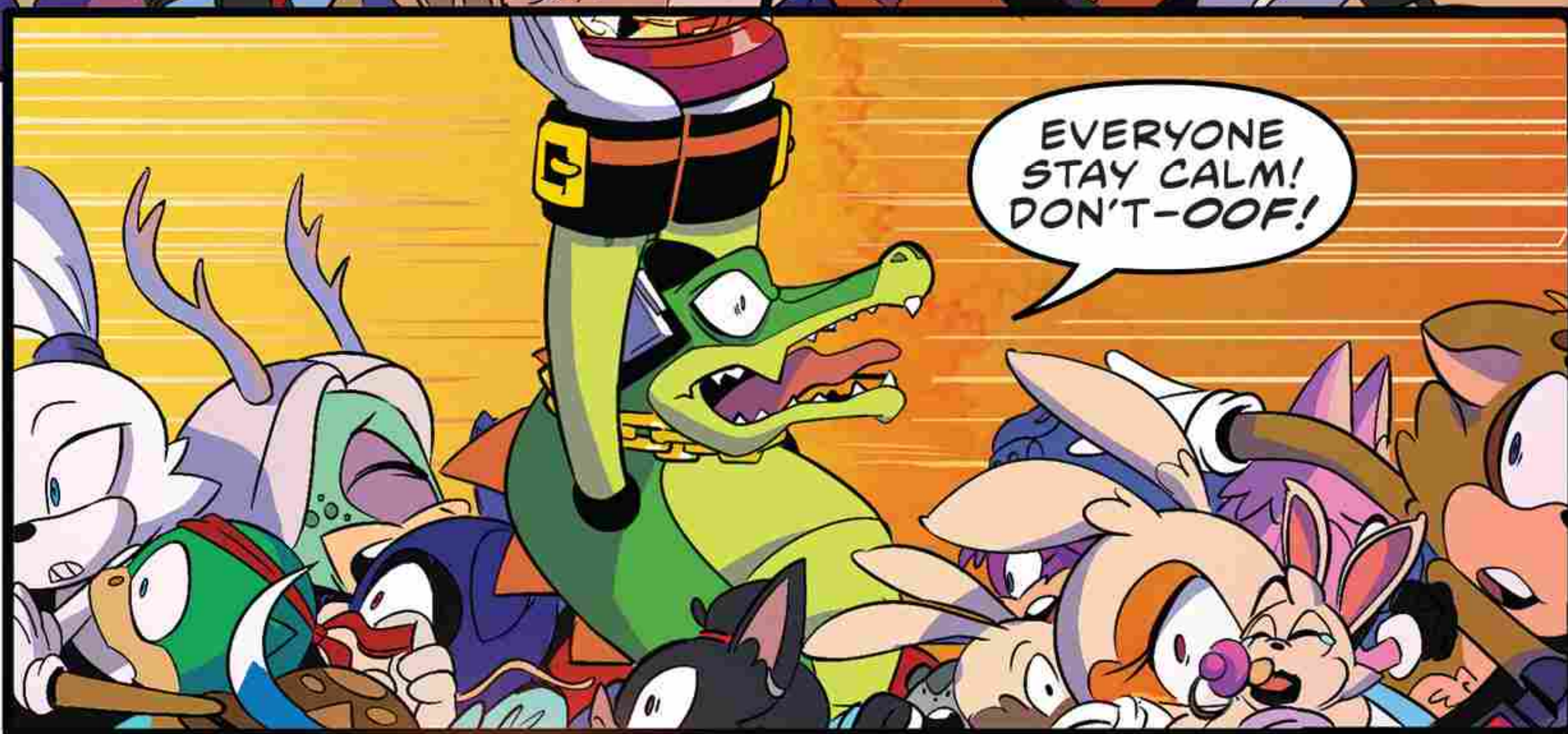


ZOMBOT!
IT'S A
ZOMBOT!

AHHH!

NOO!

HELP!



EVERYONE
STAY CALM!
DON'T-OOF!



LOOK OUT,
CREAM!

NO!
CHARMY!



KRIK

LEMME
THROUGH! IT'S
GONNA-



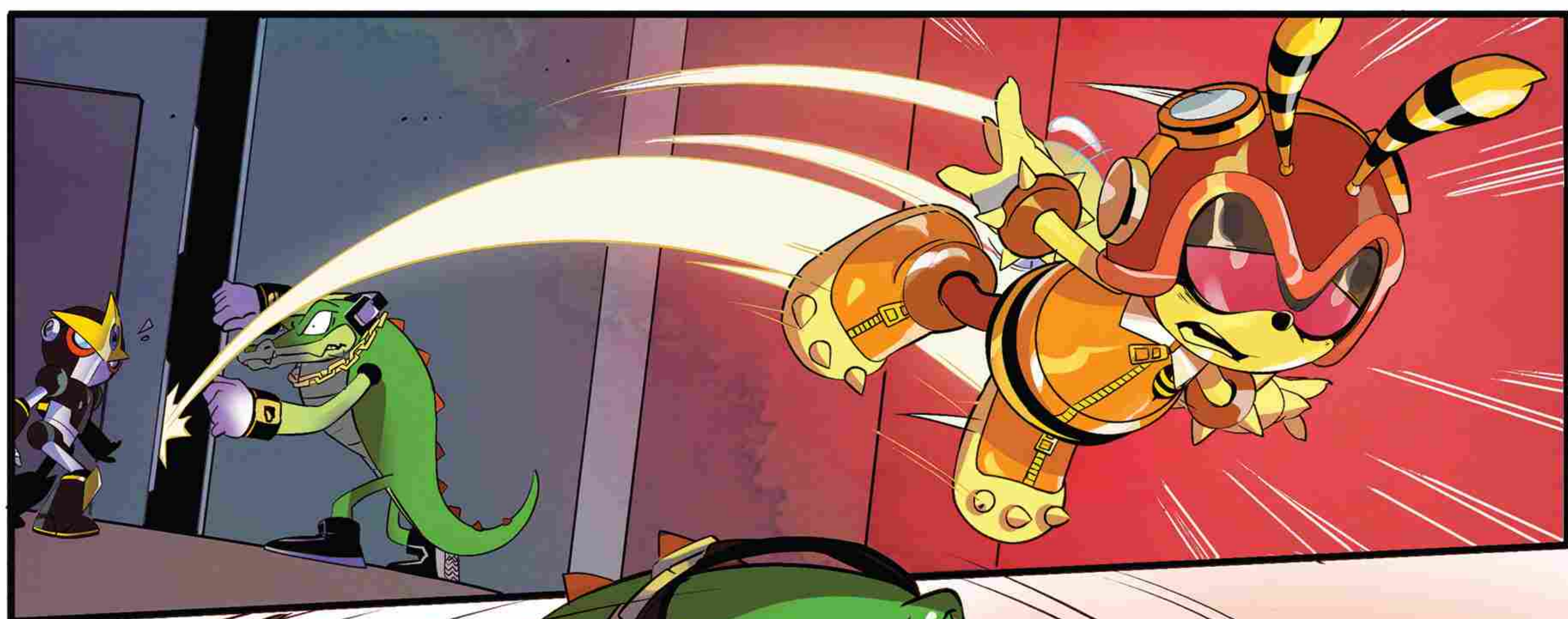














VECTOR IS
COMPROMISED.
IMMEDIATE
QUARANTINE
REQUIRED.



YEAH-
YEAH-YEAH.
I GUESS THIS
IS WHAT I GET
FOR LOOKIN'
AFTER MY
OWN.



I'LL BEAT 'EM
BACK! CLOSE
UP THE DOOR
BEHIND ME!



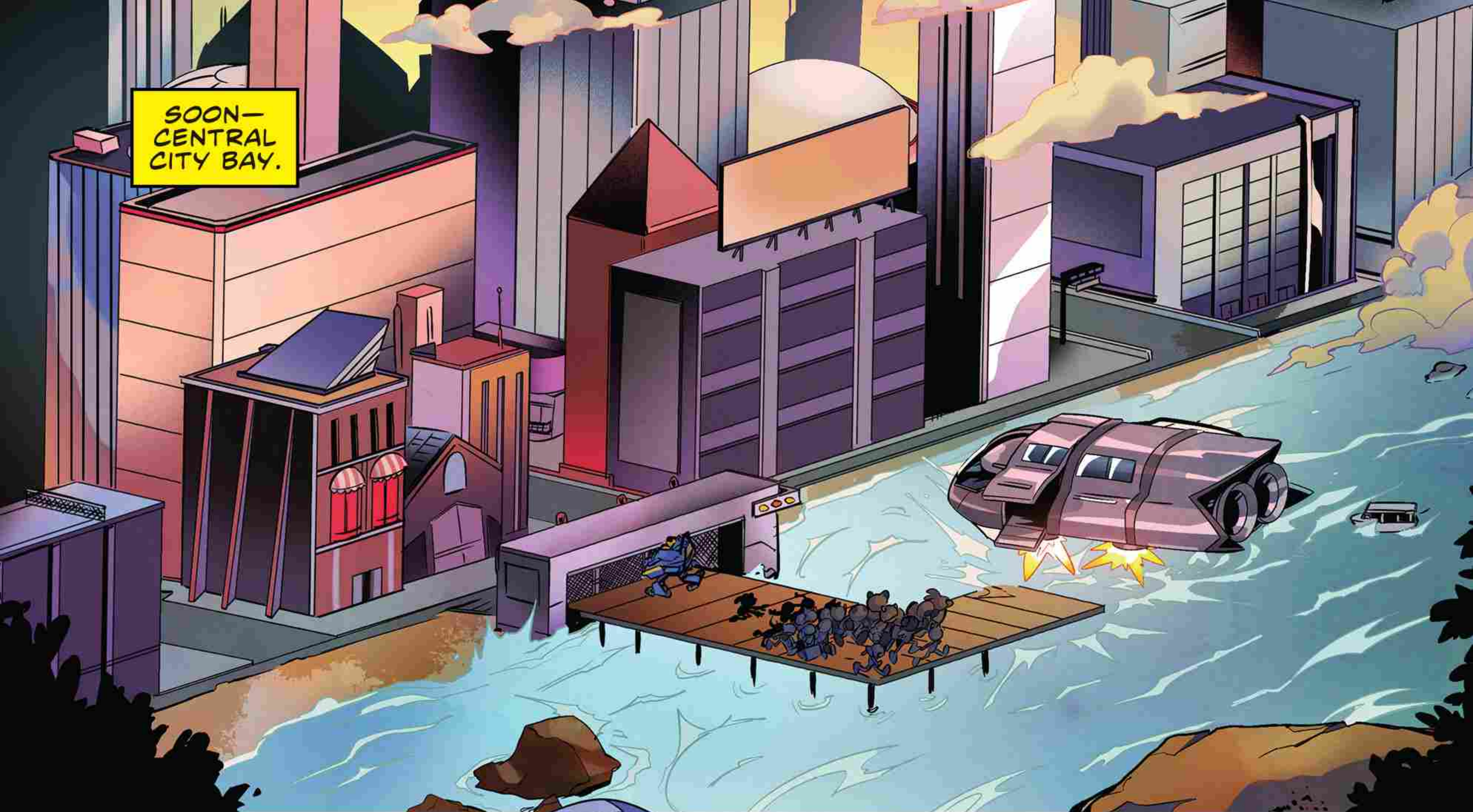
HEY,
ESPIO,
YOU'RE LEAD
DETECTIVE
NOW.



CLANG



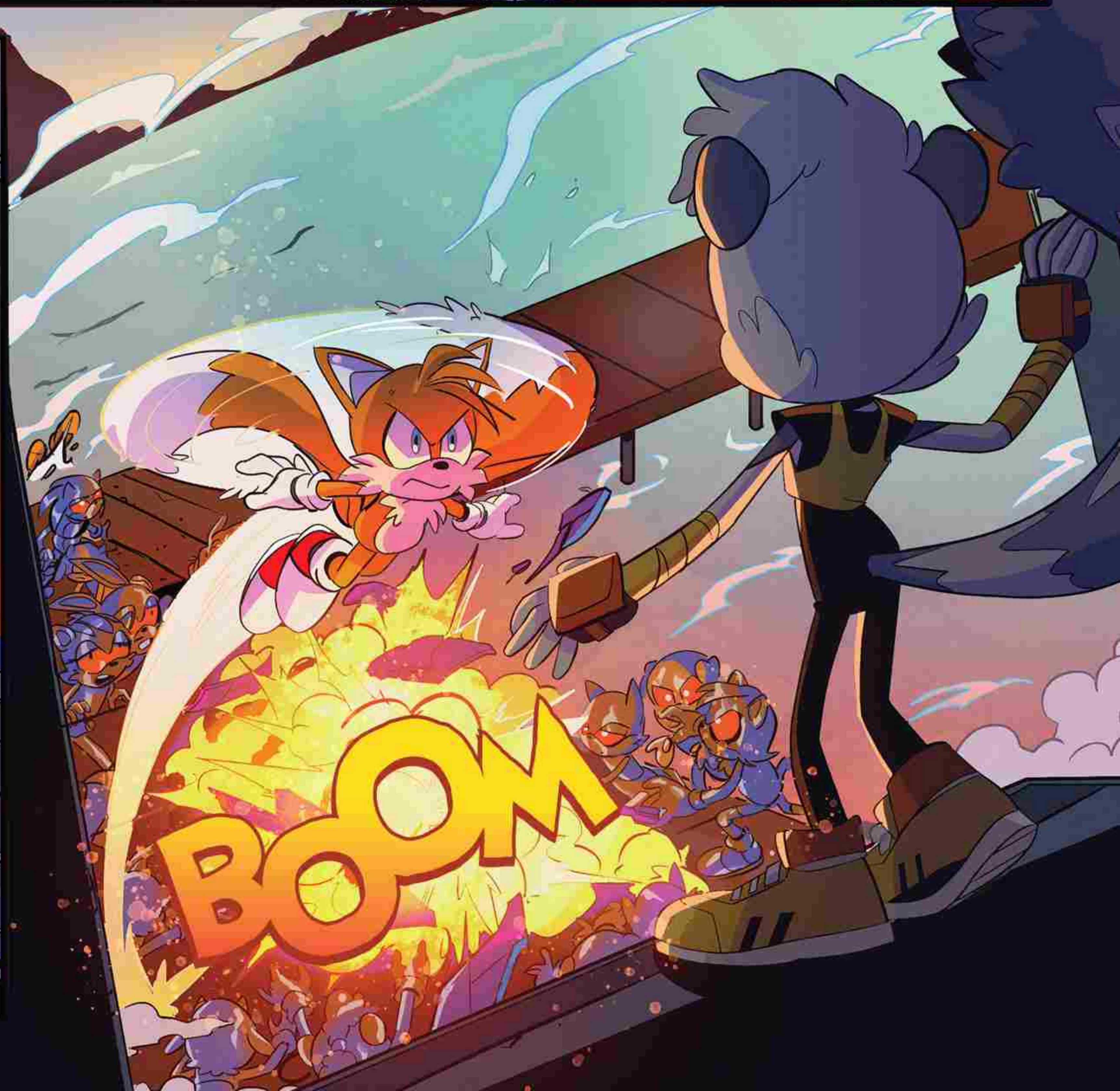
SOON—
CENTRAL
CITY BAY.



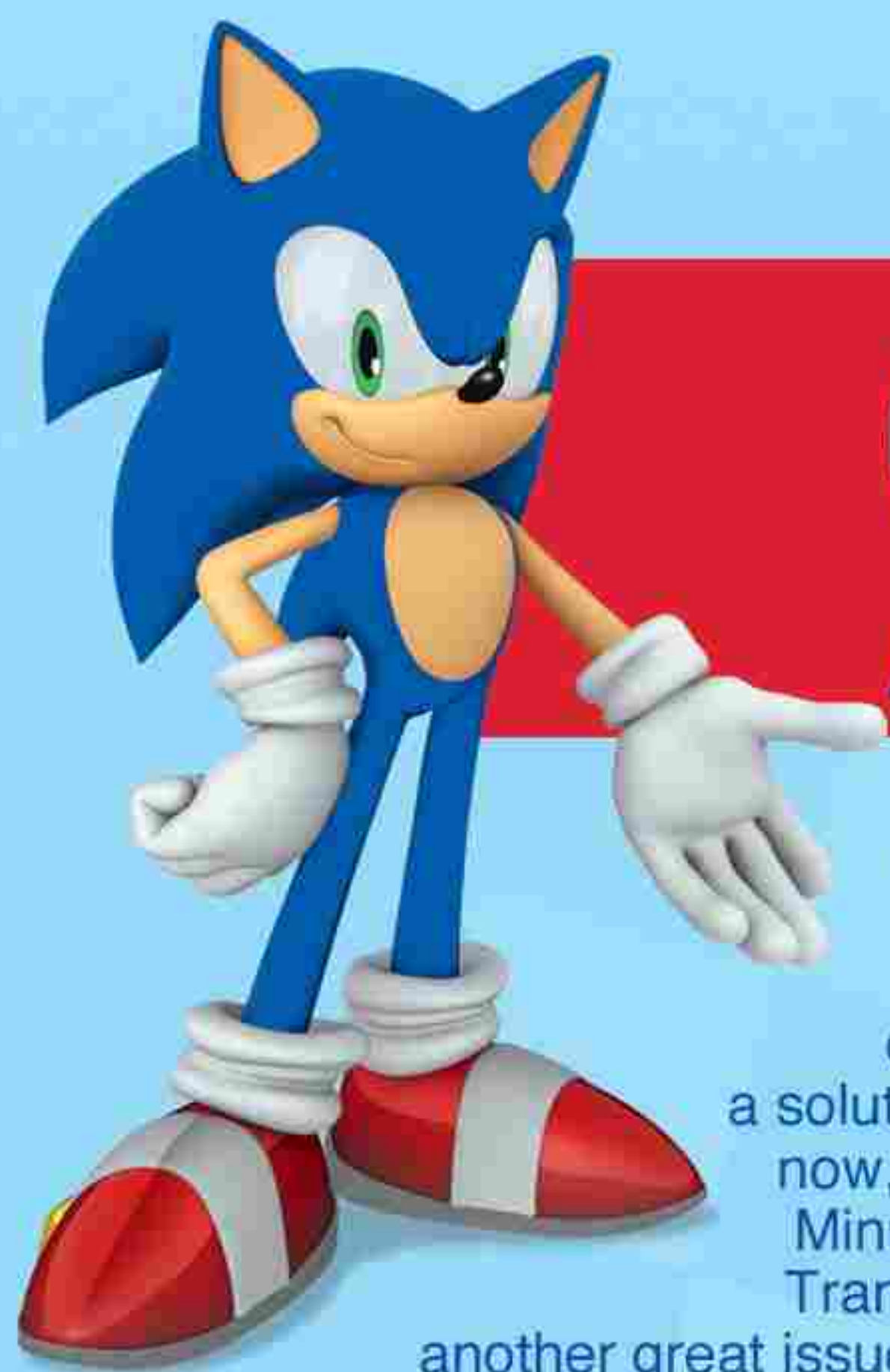
C'MON, PEOPLE!
OUR RIDE IS HERE!
HUSTLE! HUSTLE!
HUSTLE!



TAILS!
WE'RE
AIRBORNE!
C'MON!







SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! Whoof! Well... things aren't going so well... Restoration base has fallen. Tails lost the cure. At least Sonic's gonna have a solution next issue, right? RIGHT?! For now, big ups to the team on "The Last Minute, Part 2", Ian Flynn, Priscilla Tramontano, and Shawn Lee for

another great issue! And let's take a look at your art and letters as we wait to see what Sonic's part of the day looks like next issue!

Hi IDW,

I have been a fan of Sonic the Hedgehog for the entire existence of the franchise. The comics side of things has always been my favorite part of the series, and my favorite part of the comics is the extended world beyond what the games can get into. While I love the characters I've grown up with, I have been quite excited for the Tangle and Whisper miniseries. My only complaint so far is that it's just a miniseries. I would just love it if Tangle and Whisper continued as an ongoing. I suppose I'd like to ask if there's anything a fan who buys all the comics can do to insure we have more comics in the Sonic the Hedgehog world?

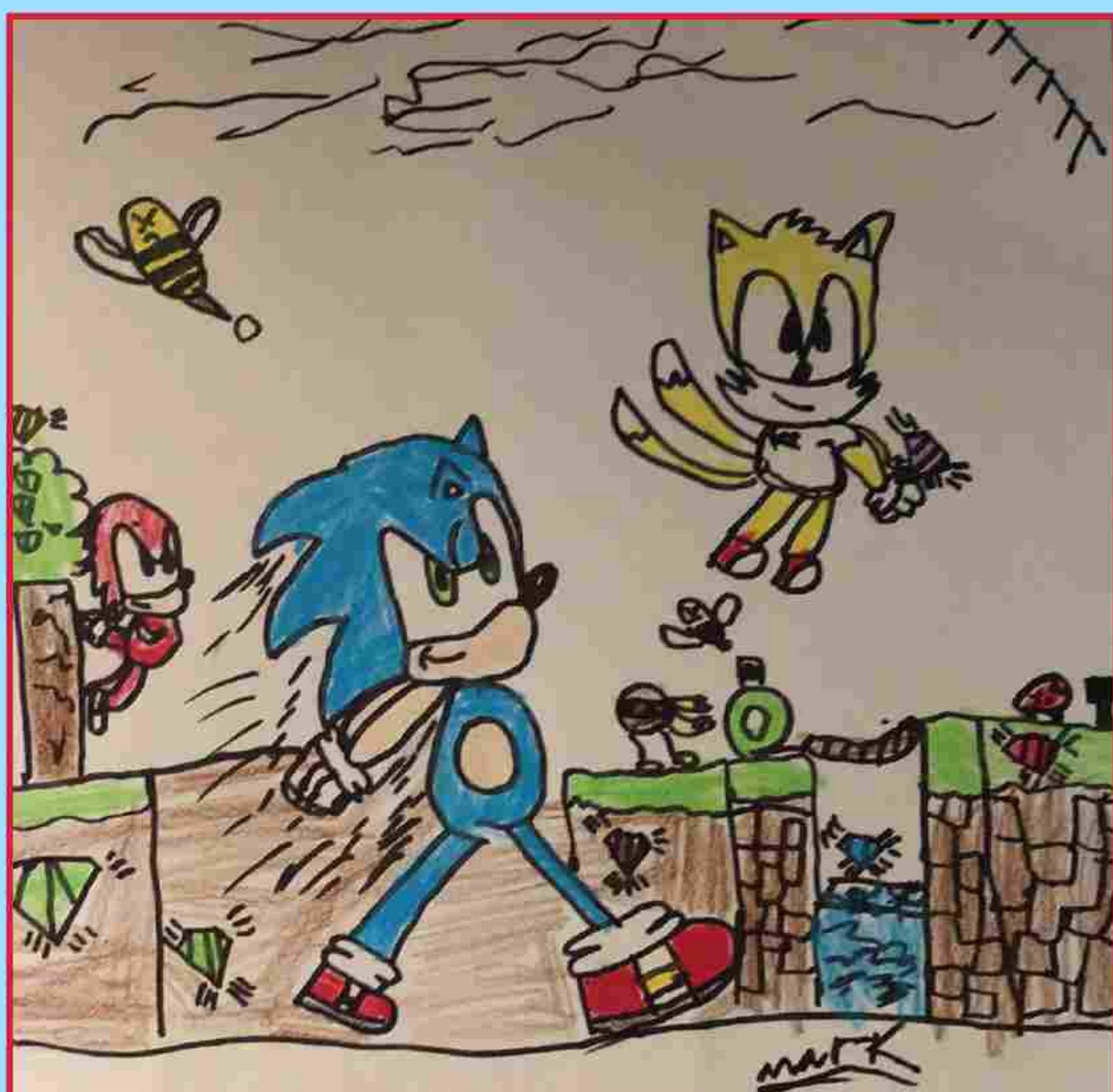
Sincerely,
Stephen C.

Hi Stephen,

Sounds like you've been a fan for a long time and glad to hear we're making Sonic comics that still excite you so much! Y'know, we think your complaint's pretty reasonable—Tangle & Whisper is really great and there should be more! If you want to help make something like that happen, the best thing to do is to keep buying the comics, for sure, but also to help other folks find the comics! If you have friends who like Sonic—or just good comics—who aren't reading our series yet, get them started! As per future stories extending and expanding the world of Sonic, well... it's always a possibility.

Hi Sonic Comic Squad!

Zombots, Shapeshifters, and Mad Doctors, oh my! I know we're already nearly 2 years in but it has just flown by! You guys hit the ground running (pardon the pun) and, like a certain infected hedgehog, just haven't slowed down! Love how everyone is getting a chance to interact and bounce off each other even during big spectacle events like The Battle for Angel Island and the breathing space inbetween arcs is a welcome addition



Art by Mark M.



Art by Rik Mack

(Knuckles 'Get off my island' being a particular highlight)! Major props and congrats to all involved for a thoroughly entertaining run thus far, and here's to a bright future!

Speaking of the future, any plans for a covers gallery type art book? After seeing all the stellar covers that have been released so far it would be a crime not to!

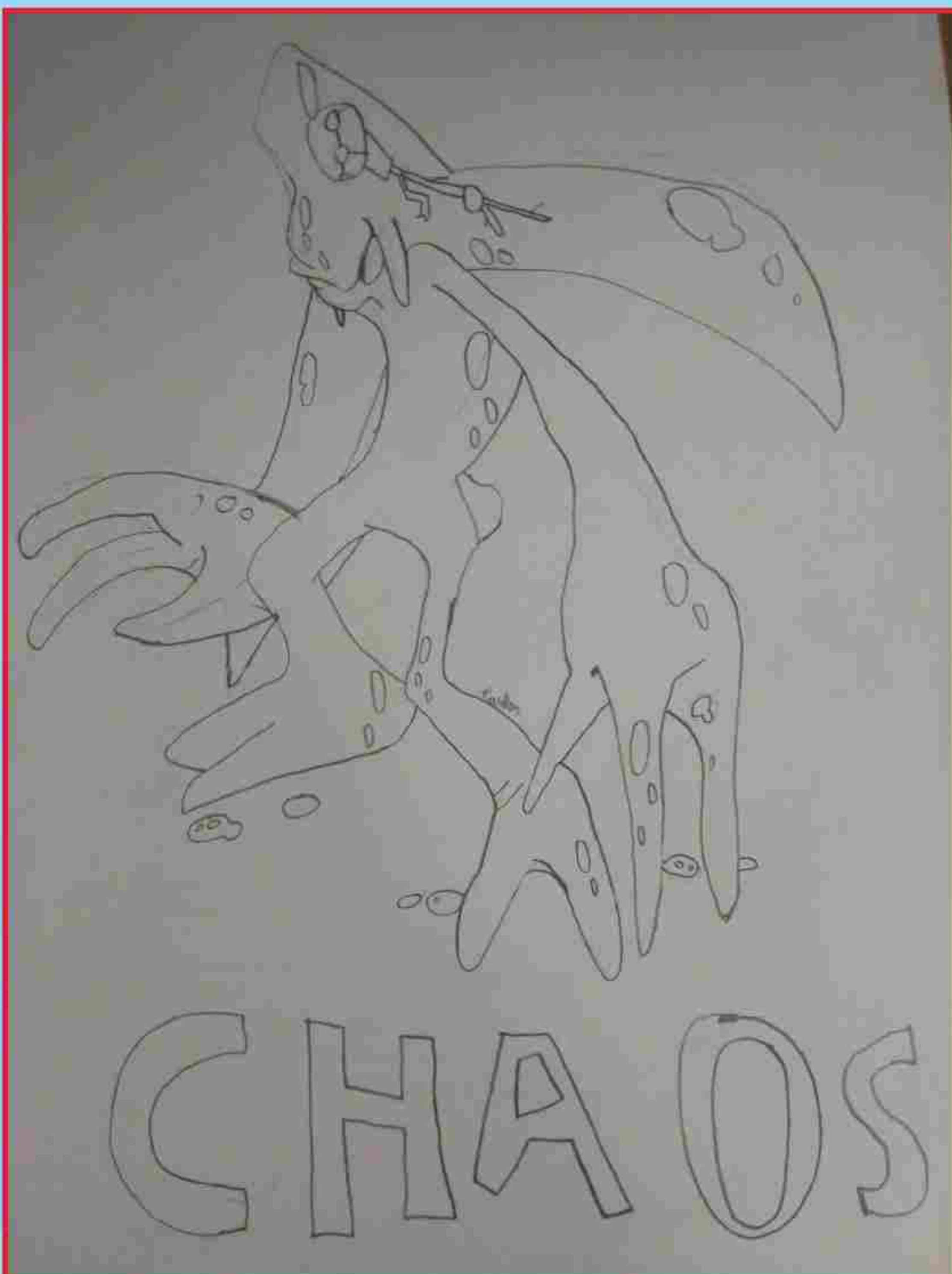
Rik

Hi Rik,

Thank you for the kind words! It seems like just yesterday that we started, but, you're right, we're almost two full years through the run! And, in those two years, you're absolutely right; we've gotten a lot of really great covers! So, right now, we have 22 issues of the ongoing, which always has at least 3 covers, which makes 66 pages. Adding the other ongoing covers we have, we're closer to 80 right now (not counting the ones that are variations on other covers). And then an extra 3 from the Annual and an extra batch from Tangle & Whisper brings us to about 100 covers already. I guess that's enough pages for us to fill out a book sometime, if we wanted. We'll keep that in mind!

Hello my fellow Sonic enthusiasts! As of the time I'm writing this, issue 21 is about to come out and I am super excited for it. I can't believe they're bringing back the Deadly Six, and I'm super excited to see what Ian Flynn is going to do with them. My aunt has also been reading the comics and while she is not completely caught up she still enjoys them and we're both excited to see what happens next. I've also attached a piece of art that I've drawn, and I'm usually not very good at drawing so I think I did pretty well with this, what do you think? I also have a question, are the Babylon Rogues going to come back as regular recurring characters or was their appearance in the 2019 Annual a one-time thing? Well that's all for me keep up the great work!

Parker Lloyd



Art by Parker Lloyd

Hi Parker!

That's an excellent drawing of Chaos! Thank you for sending it our way and letting us share! Glad you're so excited to see the Deadly Six coming back. We saw them for a moment in this issue, but expect to see more of them very soon! And as per the Babylon Rogues, they haven't been around recently, huh? Hope they didn't get infected and become zombots. Guess we'll have to keep our eyes out and see if they pop up again soon!

Hi there! I really love the Tangle and Whisper series. The original characters for IDW Sonic are both greatly designed and interestingly written and I can't wait to see more of how the series goes! I think Tangle and Whisper make a great team, so I drew this picture of them. I wanted to base it a bit on the team artwork used in Sonic Advance 3? What do you think?

Keep up the good work, I'm excited to see what future issues bring!

Sarah

Hi Sarah,

Glad you're enjoying the Tangle & Whisper series! We've been having a lot of fun putting it out and really love those two! They've had their moments of struggling, but now I think they're going to be a really great team going forward! As per the picture you sent, it's really great and definitely in that Sonic Advance style! Since you like that style, keep an eye out for the cover to the upcoming issue #24 by Aaron Hammerstrom. Aaron recreated Sonic and Tangle in Sonic Advance pixel art style and it's super cool!

Hi everyone!

My name is Maddi and I've been following Sonic for over 10 years now! I first got into the games and comics when I was 7 or 8, and now I'm almost 19 and still loving absolutely everything about the series! I recently put together my first Sonic-related cosplay with the help of my mom and aunt; Rouge is my favorite girl in the series so I HAD to be her for a few local conventions!

Also, I've been loving the IDW comics thus far and can't wait for what else is in store! Keep up the all the great work you do!

Maddi



Art by Sarah Handel

Hi Maddi!

Thanks for the kind words and for sharing your excellent cosplay with us! You did a great job as Rouge (though your height difference with Shadow's a little off in that photo). And it's great to hear about families making cosplay and reading comics together—props to your mom and aunt! Speaking of cosplay and costumes, hope you and all the other fans who don Sonic costumes for the Halloween holiday have a great and safe one this year!

Thanks for joining us, Squad! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next issue, Part 3 of "The Last Minute" has Sonic going face-to-face(ship) with those baddies, Dr. Eggman and Dr. Starline! And don't forget to pick up Sonic: Tangle & Whisper #4, the final issue, also on sale this month!



Cosplay by Maddi, Photo by Aaisha Payne



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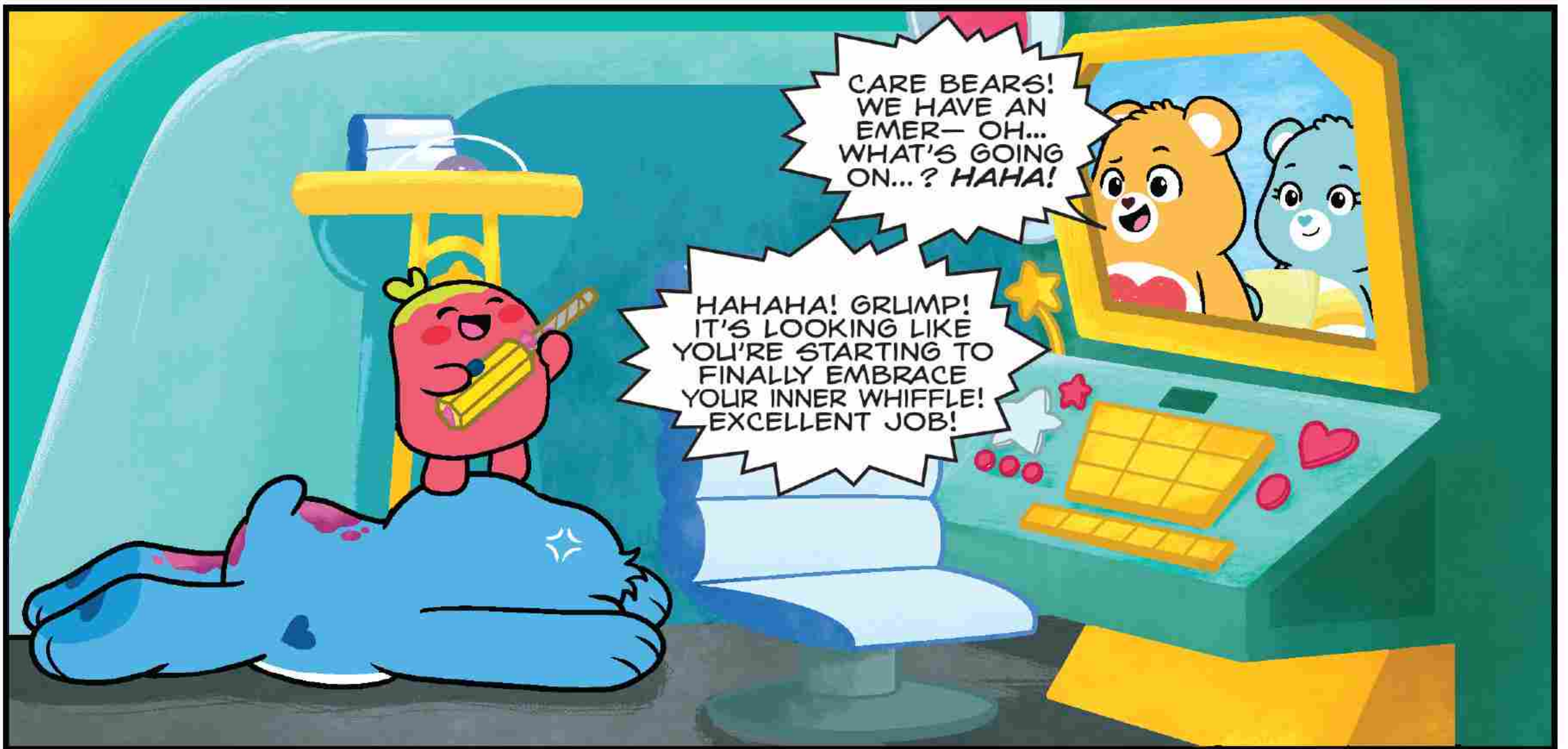


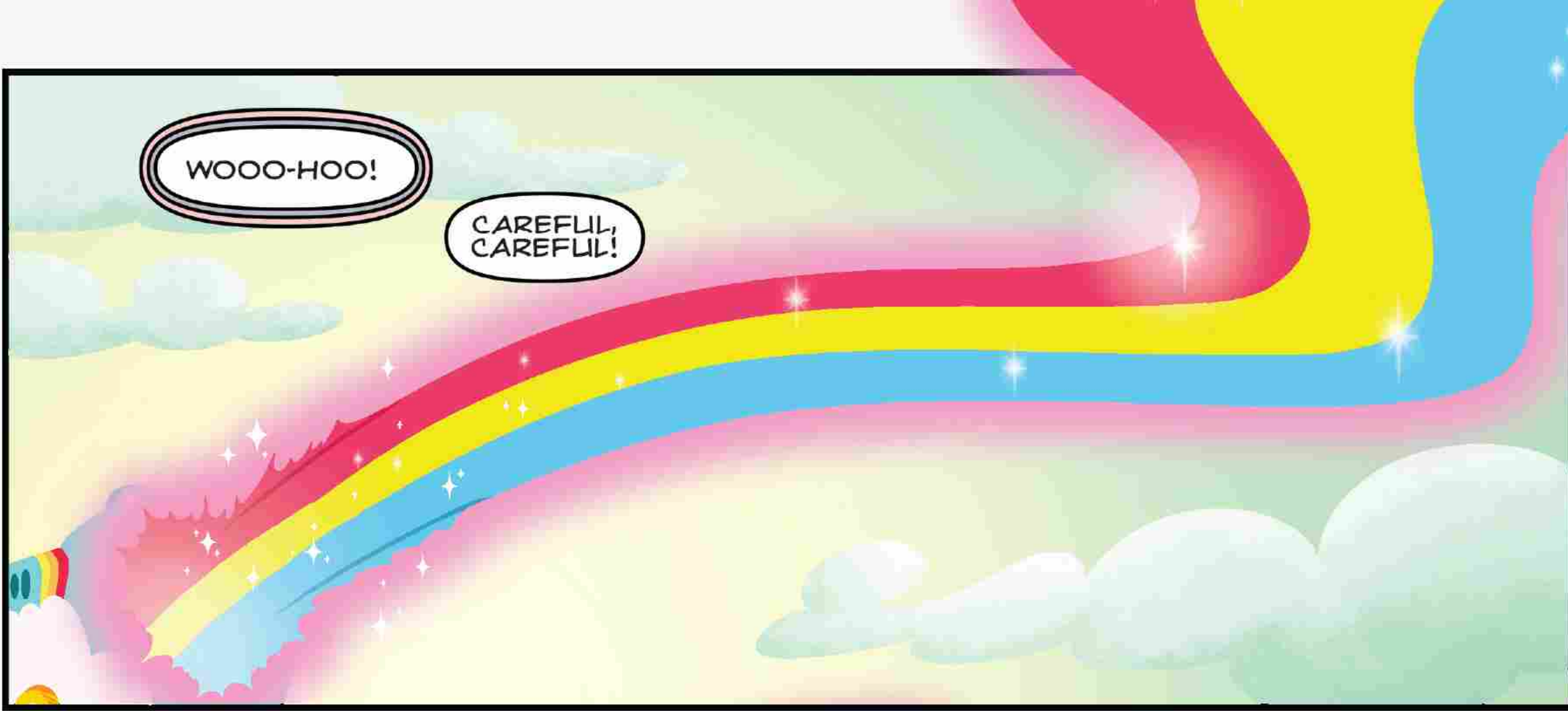
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WOOO-HOO!

CAREFUL,
CAREFUL!



BEARS! SOMETHING
HAS UPSET THE
WHIFFLES AT
THE GLASS
GLACIERS!

THE GLASS
GLACIERS ARE A
LEGENDARILY MAGICAL
AREA! THEY SAY THAT
STARING INTO THE MAGIC
ICE WILL REVEAL A
REFLECTION OF WHO
YOU WANT
TO BE.

THE
WHIFFLES THERE
ARE TASKED WITH
MAKING SURE THE
GLACIERS ARE
ALWAYS POLISHED
AND SHINY, READY
FOR VISITORS.



HERE'S THE MAP.
DO YOUR BEST TO SEE
WHAT'S CAUSED THE
WHIFFLES TO STOP
WORKING.

NOW IF YOU
EXCUSE ME >YAAWN<
IT SEEMS THAT IT'S
NAP O'CLOCK... I'LL
BE DREAMING FOR
YOUR SUCCESS!



SOME DAY
OFF! I WISH
I COULD HAVE
A NAP...

OH,
GRUMPY!

THE GLASS GLACIERS



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